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POLAND: Close of Plenum

Party leader Jaruzelski has emerged from the Central Committee plenum in a strengthened position.

The Central Committee concluded its plenum yesterday by elevating General Czeslaw Kiszczak--the Minister of Interior and a close associate of Jaruzelski--and party secretary Marian Wozniak--an economic expert--to be candidate members of the Politburo.

Except for Jaruzelski's opening address, the Polish media have released little information on the speeches at the session.

Comment: The additions to the Politburo strengthen Jaruzelski's control over that body and place another senior military person in a top party position.

The sparse reporting of the two-day gathering suggests that the party has abandoned the policy followed before martial law of having quick and detailed media coverage of its meetings. It also may indicate that there were contentious debates. Most of the top party leadership apparently did not address the plenum but almost certainly were involved in behind-the-scenes discussions and maneuvering.

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